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My dear Andrew,

I was much

pleased to get your last letter and to learn that you & yours were all well except Lou who I trust is well away from 'his infantile disorder' by this time.

The heat here for some time past has been positively 'Sheolie' (revised adjective) and does ~~it~~ not conduce to energy of mind or body. Last Sunday (which by the way I observed was a bit of a terror in Hobart) was a demon in its intensity of heat - so added to our houses

we are threatened with a  
water famine, and on that  
particular Sunday morning  
I had to sit on my bed  
and muse whether with  
the pint and a half of  
water allowed me I should  
wash myself, or whether  
I should drink it, I washed  
and regretted - 'Tis so rather  
hard, but like the London  
sweep, I ~~would~~ always  
wash once a week whether  
I want it or not, so if I  
can manage 'tis I need not  
complain - Even the pubs  
run dry on Sunday; and  
after drinking out a  
friend's house where I went  
on Sunday (a charming  
widow, by the way), we

called forth in the evening  
for a fresh supply and  
could barely get what  
we wanted. The best  
port pubs were a  
widespread, and a litter  
of dead mares. I've  
had thirst lately that I  
wouldn't sell for something.  
I might fill this letter  
with meteorological remarks,  
but let me haste to  
other topics.

Thanks for P. O order.  
I find that "The Historical  
Basis etc" is not to be obtained  
in Melbourne. Muller has  
one copy only in his circulating  
library. It has just been  
placed there and will not  
be open to purchase for 6  
months to come. I have not

Get settled for the sake of  
Rayne (this is about the  
largest biography on earth,  
I suppose); but I will do  
so and send you the  
receipt.

Waeter seems much  
better in physical health,  
but he still remains very  
moody, and I see but  
little of him - I saw  
him a few days back,  
& I conclude from our  
conversations that his visit  
to Tasmania is not at all  
within measurable distance  
and you need not look  
for him.

The Antislavery Church  
is expected to be ready  
in April - the Schoolroom

has been found deficient  
 in ventilation, and is very  
 oppressive in hot weather.  
 The attendance has not been  
 good on this account, and  
 on account of the withdrawal  
 of some of the congregation  
 who were displeased with  
 Walter's pretensions style of  
 second marriage - Wattle  
 has been lecturing on  
 Common Prayer at the Social  
 Union and elsewhere - At  
 the Hawthorn Grammar School  
 where he delivered it  
 seconded the vote of thanks.  
 S.H. is out of sorts with  
 Watters, and denounces the  
 second marriage with  
 Peckniffianunction. I shrewdly  
 suspect however that he is  
 more cut up by the fact that

he lent Walters the  
celebrated " Fragments of  
Youn Chonds " and he returned  
it ~~one~~ day in chilling style  
without ~~at~~ vouchsafing a  
single comment - Dear me!  
what a thing it is to be  
a poet in this workaday  
world -

You would no doubt  
cultivate an exceedingly broad  
smile if you were told  
that I was a Tobaccoist  
& Handresser, and yet I  
have become one - I have  
bought a business in  
Bourke Street, and have  
is going to run it - Of  
course this has been done  
for his benefit, and is  
calculated to give him a

good start - The business  
has been carefully  
assessed, and a good  
return is guaranteed with  
moderate attention. I  
was much helped in this  
venture by H.G. Turner  
of the Commercial Bank  
who has allowed me a  
liberal overdraft on my  
personal guarantee alone,  
which is very handsome  
of him and may I  
suppose be taken as a  
flattering expression of  
confidence - Hancuthing  
6d. Shaving 3d <sup>& cigars</sup> Best  
brands of tobacco always  
kept on stock at lowest  
trade prices - Excellence  
combined with civility -  
Vivat Regina! -

Amidst the many cares, and pecuniary troubles which have beset me of late, I have not lost sight of paying a visit to see "the old familiar faces", and I look forward to reserving enough time and money to permit me to come over at the end of this month or first thing in February. I deeply hope I shall not be balked of this. I am much fagged in mind and body and the work at the office has been excessive, in consequence of a number of the staff being away.

Thanks for your card. I hope you & yours & the circle generally spent the holidays happily. With love to Madge and the Kinchins, and the kindest remembrances to the boys believe me always affectionately  
J. G. Stanton